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Good Morning MNLA Members,

Here are updates on the lawsuit and our positive media campaign that focuses on getting us back to work safely. The Governor is set to have another Press Conference at 11:00 am and we're hopeful she will allow our industry the choice of going back to work. It's important that we keep the pressure on and we're asking all members to get involved by posting our positive messages and videos on your social media sites. The instructions and messages are attached.

1. Lawsuit updates:
 - Our case was assigned to Judge Paul L. Maloney, US District Court, Western District of MI, Southern Division. He was one of our favored choices.
 - Wednesday night Judge Maloney issued an Order that sets a briefing schedule and a hearing in Grand Rapids next Wednesday, April 29, 2020. It's important to note that the Judge did not rule in favor of a temporary restraining order and that's fine **as we didn't ask for a temporary restraining order**. We asked for an emergency hearing and injunction, which he DID provide and it was relatively fast.
2. We've been interviewed by numerous state and national media outlets and we've had a favorable response and we're keeping the pressure on the Governor's office.
3. Today, our industry-driven positive media campaign got underway on both the national and state levels to encourage the Governor to let us go back to work. ***We'd like you to participate by posting these positive messages on your social media outlets.*** You can view the videos at: <https://www.mnla.org/page/work-safe>. The messages and instructions are attached.
4. Here are Safety Protocols that we've assembled from our national partners and other states that are working and adhering the CDC Social Distancing Guidelines. These protocols are in both English and Spanish. When we are able to work it will not be business as usual and it is imperative that we are prepared and are adhering to these protocols. Public pressure will be great and we must present ourselves as a professional industry that is working safely.

This news is favorable and we remain hopeful that this litigation and continued negotiations will get us back to work soon.

Thank you and be safe.

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